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CHIEF OF POLICE

JACK O. ANGELO III

The year 2021 brought many challenges, none greater than the continuation of the Coronavirus pandemic. While Covid-19 has affected the world, it has had a unique effect on first responders. As with other agencies, the Canton Police Department struggled with staffing concerns related to an increase in the number of infected officers, especially late in the year. The pandemic has also exacerbated mental health crises, resulting in a marked increase in calls related to mental health. Fortunately, our department has the largest number of officers certified in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) in the county. CIT training, along with the prioritization of using de-escalation techniques and our partnerships with local mental health professionals have proven invaluable in our effort to serve the community in these difficult times. Through these and other challenges associated with Covid-19, the members of this department continued to show their dedication and work ethic by coming in and working as if the pandemic was nonexistent.

Unfortunately, Canton also saw the increase in violent crime that was prevalent across the nation in 2021. Responding to and preventing gun violence is always a priority, but in 2021, it was even more of a focus than it has been previously. We have seen younger adults becoming more violent and in possession of more firearms than any time in the past. In 2021, we continued our valuable collaborations with local, county and Federal agencies to address this issue. The frequency of recovery of illegal firearms, coupled with the sharp increase in felonious assaults and homicides is clearly linked to the availability of illegal firearms. We will continue throughout 2022 to take a strong stance to reduce the number of illegal firearms in Canton and holding those responsible for supplying them accountable.

With the support of the city administration, the department has continued to expand the city safety camera system. We have approximately 120 cameras throughout the city and have developed a plan to increase our coverage significantly in 2022. These cameras have proven invaluable in solving crimes. They have been used in cases ranging from homicides to thefts. The added assistance of cameras on private property, and the willingness of residents to share that video with us has also been valuable.

As we enter 2022, we must continue to focus also on recruitment and retention of officers for the future needs of the department. While we were not able to reach our benchmark of 175 officers last year, I feel confident we will be there by the end of 2022.

In closing, I would like to assure everyone that the Canton Police Department will continue to move forward with crime enforcement and technology. We have a bright future with a vibrant and enthusiastic department and officers, proud to serve this community.

Jack O. Angelo III
Chief of Police



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

CAPTAIN LISA BROUCKER

The mission of the Administrative Division of the police department is to provide support for all officers and non-sworn personnel assigned to the police department in an effort to improve operations. Officers and non-sworn personnel assigned to the Administrative Division handle records, manage grants, prepare budgets, research vendors and equipment, investigate administrative or policy violations, acquire supplies, technology and equipment, pay bills, dispatch calls for service, manage property and evidence, handle training and generally provide any support needed to carry out patrol and investigative functions.

Bureaus in the Administrative Division in 2021 included Planning and Research, Dispatch, Record Room, Training, Property and Evidence, the Office of Professional Standards, the Community Involvement Unit, the Real Time Crime Center and the Fiscal Manager. In 2021 the Administrative Division was made up of 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 2 Sergeants, 18 patrol officers and 30 non-sworn personnel. The budget managed by the Administrative Division in 2021 was over \$21 million dollars. They administered \$4.7 million in grants, processed thousands of pieces of evidence and property and dispatched over for multiple police and fire departments throughout stark county.

Large projects completed by the Administrative Division for 2021 include continuing our installation of WiFiber cameras and plate readers in various areas of the city, starting the implementation of new payroll, use of force, and evidence tracking software. New body worn cameras were purchased and distributed to the officers to upgrade us to the latest version and a full-time civilian crime analyst has been hired to assist our two full time officers in the Real Time Crime Center.

The Administrative Division has been busy recruiting, hiring and training new officers to replace officers leaving. Twelve cadets sworn in to the department in 2021. At the end of the year the Canton Police Department had 163 sworn officers and have already hired 5 additional officers in January of 2022. Recruitment and testing have already begun for the new year and we look forward to adding additional personnel to our team.

In 2022 we are looking forward to implementing SPIDR technology software provided through the Burn Grant will allow us to communicate directly with residents and keep them updated by text message on officer's arrival and the status of their pending cases. Providing high quality in-service training to our officers with the assistance of several community partners is also one of our top priorities.

Continuing to hire, train, and provide quality resources for our officers and community are always a must. The Administrative Division is always looking for innovative and cost-effective ways to provide well-rounded, professional and quality services to the community we take pride in serving.

Captain Lisa Broucker
Administrative Division Commander



Fiscal Manager

The Fiscal Manager for the Canton Police Department was appointed in March of 2020. This position is held by Shadi Smiley who reports to the Administrative Division Commander. His responsibilities are defined by three broad categories: Personnel, Budget and Equipment/Supplies.

Personnel

The Fiscal Manager maintains the records of all active and former officers. Examples include background documentation, hiring material, commendations, disciplinary action, absenteeism, driving records, injuries, city issued equipment inventory, and job-related training. He also maintains files on non-sworn police employees and police chaplains.

Budget

Each year, the Fiscal Manager is tasked with budget development. After developing the budget the Fiscal Manager serves as an advisor to the Chief of Police, aiding the Chief to stay within that budget. In 2021, the Fiscal Manager utilized 17 separate funds, each fund having up to 75 accounts. The transferring of monies between accounts begins with the Fiscal Manager, and he/she must be cognizant of the status of the funds and the balance of each account. Each fund and account have restrictions on expenditures and/or usage. The ultimate goal of the Fiscal Manager is to provide for efficient, responsible financial management to the benefit of the community and the organization. The 2021 general operating budget for Police was over 21 million dollars. The agency being financially sound, succeeded in staying within their budget.

Equipment/Supplies

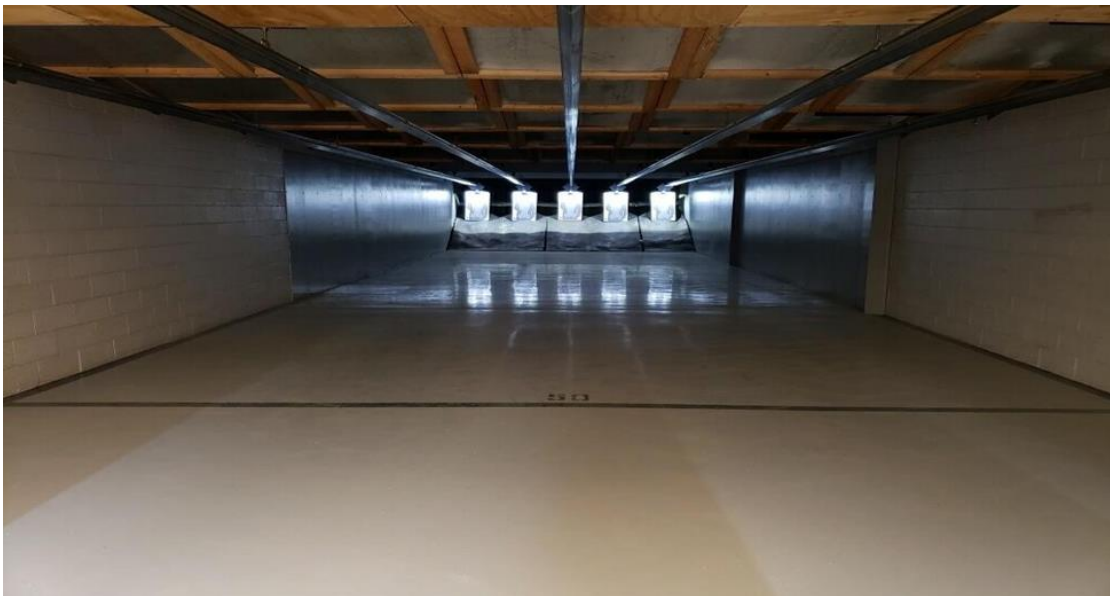
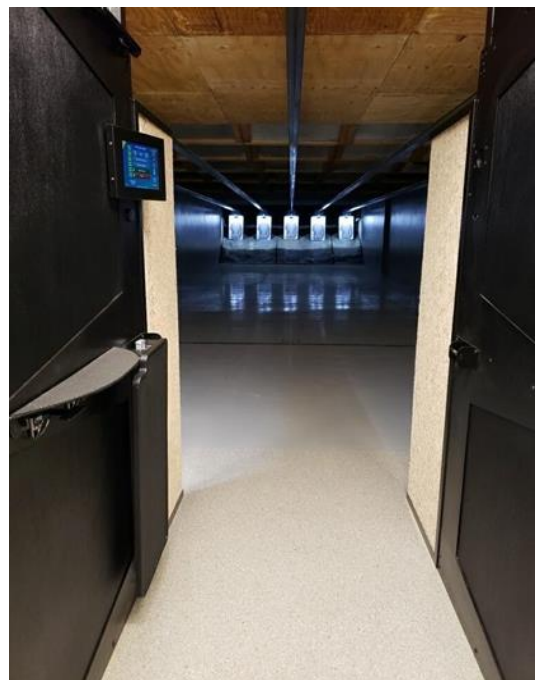
Duties of the Fiscal Manager also include managing the requisition system, processing all purchase orders, and tracking/processing all invoices involving the Police Department/CanCom Dispatch Center/Parking Decks. The Fiscal Manager follows strict procurement procedures to ensure that the department is following proper implementation and distribution of budgetary monies. The purchasing of all materials and equipment utilized by the department will ultimately go through this office. The Fiscal Manager monitors maintenance contracts associated with equipment and evaluates the cost and value of maintaining old equipment against the cost of replacement. In addition, the Fiscal Manager assists the Planning and Research bureau with managing federal and state grants, providing necessary information used for reporting purposes, and assists with providing documents needed during Federal Grant audits.

Major Acquisitions and Projects

Significant projects that were completed during 2021 included the completed renovation of the Indoor Firing Range. This project had a total estimated cost of almost 200 thousand dollars.

Along with this project, 3 new Ford SUV Police Interceptors and 1 new Ford Transit Prisoner Transport Van were purchased and efficiently outfitted with the latest equipment and technologies for the safety of our Community. Also, the Police Department acquired new Avon Gas Mask First Responder Kits for each sworn officer.

Due to the COVID-19 carryover pandemic, general budget and CARES Act Funding was used to continue the acquisition of PPE (personal protective equipment) for the safety and protection of our officers/staff.



Personnel Summary

Police Personnel, 2021	
Rank	Number in Rank
Chief of Police	1
Captain	3
Lieutenant	10
Sergeant	17
Patrol Officer	125
Cadets	8
Total Police Personnel	164
Authorized Strength	200

Civilian Personnel, 2021	
Title	Number in Position
Administrative Assistant III	1
Fiscal Manager	1
Director of the Crime Lab	1
Criminalist	4
Record Room Supervisor	1
Admin Clerk	5
Crime Analyst	1
Impound Lot Attendant	2
Director of Dispatch	1
Dispatch Supervisor	1
Tele-communicators	19
Staff Assistant	1
Parking Deck	4
Traffic Enforcement	1
Total Civilian Personnel	43

Police Chaplains:

Rev. Allen Brown- Westminster Presbyterian Church
Rabbi Ahron Y. (A.J.) Kushner- Aguda Ackin Congregation
Rev. George Lancaster-Zion's Temple Church of God
Father G. David Weikart- St. Joan of Arc

Retirements/Resignations

Ptl. R. Abatangelo
Ptl. M. Carpenter
Ptl. N. Clark
Sgt. G. Cochran
Lt. R. Crihfield
Ptl. M. Dillon
Ptl. G. Edmunds
Ptl. D. Fitzgerald
Ptl. G. Grubisic
Ptl. J. Hoskins
Lt. D. McCartney
Ptl. J. Meyer
Ptl. B. Momirov
Ptl. S. Overdorf
Ptl. J. Ramser
Ptl. T. Schnell
Ptl. T. Wasilewski

Promotions

Steven Swank to Lieutenant April 9th
Eric Lee to Sergeant April 9th
Michael Gary to Lieutenant May 14th
Kyle Slone to Sergeant May 14th
John Wilkes to Sergeant September 10th

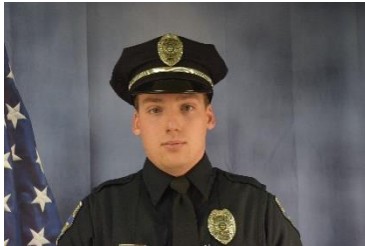


2021 OFFICER RECONGNITION

Each year, Chief Angelo and the Police Captains present officers who have been recognized throughout the year with Certificates of Commendation and other awards. In 2021, 78 awards ranging from Certificates of Commendation to Life Savers Awards were received by the Officers. As always, the Canton Police Department is very proud of the accomplishments of these officers and we look forward to being able to properly honor them in the near future.



The **Canton Police Department Officer of the Year for 2021** was Detective Daniel Szaniszlo



The **Knights of Columbus Bluecoat Officer of the Year for 2021** was Officer Trent Abel



The **Thomas Wyatt Community Policing Award** was presented to K-9 Officer David Jatich



The **Brian C. Roshong Distinguished Service Award** was presented to Lt. Mark Kandel



The **Dispatcher of the Year Award** was presented to Telecommunicator Destinee Mumaw

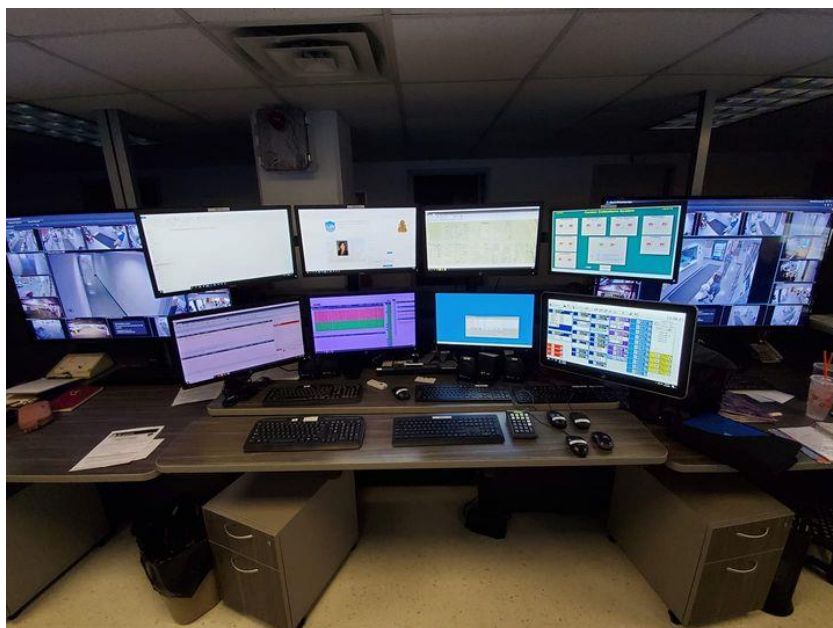
CANCOM

The Canton Communications Center (CANCOM) is comprised of a Director, Supervisor, 17 full time Communication Technicians, and 4 part time Communication Technicians. CANCOM is staffed 24 hours a day 365 days a year to answer emergency and non-emergency calls. In addition to dispatching for the City of Canton our communication center also dispatches for Louisville Police, East Canton Police, Greentown Fire, and the Stark County HAZMAT team. In 2021 Communication Technicians answered approximately 181,873 phone calls, 49,427 of those phone calls came in on our 911 emergency lines. Dispatchers gather the needed information and dispatch the proper entity for service to assist the public.

Dispatched calls for the Canton Police Department in 2021 reached 72,389 calls for service. The Canton Fire Department was dispatched to 18,755 calls for service. Other agencies total calls dispatched include 4,356 calls for Louisville PD, 790 calls for Greentown Fire, 1,012 calls for East Canton PD, and 20 HAZMAT calls.

The Communications Technicians are all certified in Basic Public Safety Telecommunicator training and receive certification in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). The EMD training allows the dispatcher to be able to provide pre-arrival instructions before the Medics arrive, such as CPR and child birth. Additional training is provided throughout the year through APCO International.

In late 2021, our communications center began taking wireless 911 calls directly from AT&T and Verizon. This allows us to get our calls without having a transfer from Stark County 911. The ability to take these calls direct saves seconds for our citizens and allows us to respond faster to their needs. Other wireless providers will be added in early 2022.



Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) consists of one commanding officer who functions as an investigator and reports to the Administrative Division Commander. In 2021, the unit was staffed by Lt. John Bosley. The OPS was under the command of Capt. Lisa Broucker. The OPS is primarily responsible for conducting administrative investigations of serious police misconduct, including criminal conduct, violations of department policies and any other complaint assigned by the Chief of Police. Allegations of misconduct are generated from both citizens and employees. OPS investigations are conducted to serve three primary functions:

To protect individual citizens: The citizens of Canton have the right to receive a fair, efficient and impartial law enforcement service. Any misconduct by Canton Police Officers must be detected, thoroughly investigated, and properly adjudicated to assure the highest standards of conduct and community confidence.

To protect the integrity of the organization, public trust and the department's place as a community partner. Police Departments are often judged by the conduct of its individual employees. An informed public must have confidence that its Police Department honestly and fairly investigates and adjudicates all allegations of misconduct against its employees. Professional, thorough investigations help mitigate the negative effects that misconduct committed by an officer has on the organization.

Protection of the employee. Canton Police Officers must be protected against false and misinformed allegations of misconduct. This can only be accomplished through a thorough investigative process.

OPS Reviews and Cases

The majority of incidents handled by the OPS are in the form of reviews. Incidents reviewed by the OPS include at-fault vehicle crashes by department personnel, pursuits, use of force reports and violations of departmental rules and regulations. Between 2018 and 2020, the OPS covered an average of 538 reviews. In 2021, the OPS completed 454 reviews, including fifteen (15) cruiser accidents, forty-two (42) pursuit situations, thirteen (13) violations of rules and regulations and three hundred eighty-four (384) use of force incidents. Use of force reports are completed any time an officer uses physical force to overcome resistance, but also include circumstances when weapons are displayed in any manner. Pursuit situations are reviewed any time an individual flees from police, even if the officer does not chase that person. Incident reviews and cases resulted in the following conclusions / actions in 2021:

No Further Action Needed: 411
Suspension: 3
Written Counseling: 11
Written Reprimand: 23
Letter of Training: 11

Some incident reviews result in more in-depth investigations classified as cases. The average number of personnel complaint cases from 2018 to 2020 was 13. In 2021, the OPS handled seven (7) personnel cases which ranged from unsatisfactory performance to arrest procedures. Investigations scrutinize both on-duty and off-duty behavior. Each OPS case may involve one or multiple allegations against an employee. After a thorough investigation of each allegation, the OPS investigator forwards a recommendation to the Chief of Police based on one of the following dispositions (2021 results shown numerically after the category title):

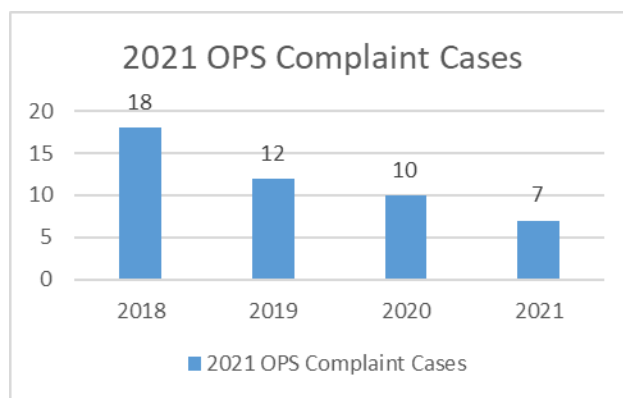
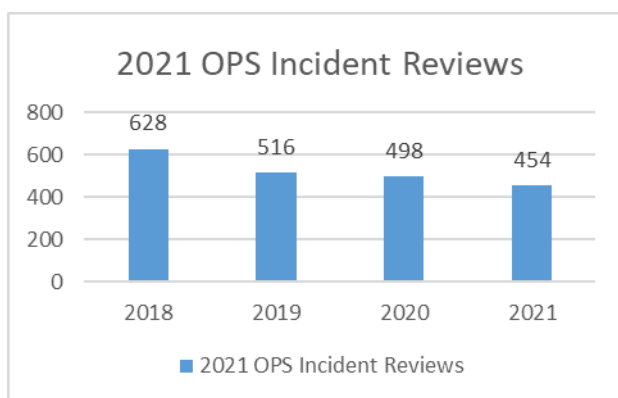
Sustained (5): The allegation is supported.

Not Sustained (1): There is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded (1): The allegation was false.

Exonerated (4): The officer's actions were lawful or proper under the circumstances.

Sustained Other (1): The allegation reveals misconduct not alleged in the complaint.



The Canton Police Department had one hundred sixty-four (164) sworn officers at the end of 2021. In the cases described above, twelve (12) officers were designated as “Focus Officers” in personnel complaints.

For most of 2021, the OPS used a software program to assist in being proactive in identifying potential rule violations and getting proper training for our officers called IATrak. This program has been used since 2013 to maintain files on internal and external complaints as well as incident reviews. Data in the system was compiled from OPS cases, informal complaints, use of force reports, employee accident reports, pursuits and any other departmental complaints requiring investigation of potential rule violations. By setting these parameters in the IATrak system, supervisors were notified when officers were involved in multiple use of force incidents which allowed for a quick review of the situations and referrals to training when appropriate. The shortfall within this system was the inability to extract specific data regarding use of force incidents often requested by outside agencies and organizations. In addition, it required that officers submit a hard copy report which was forwarded up the chain of command and manually entered into the IATrak program when it reached the OPS. Hard copies were then filed in the OPS until the retention period expired. In August of 2021, the OPS acquired a new case management program called IAPro which

replaced the IATrak program. Our agency also purchased the BlueTeam application, a supplemental reporting system within the IAPro program which allows first line officers to enter their use of force reports, vehicle pursuits and officer-involved vehicle accidents into the system themselves. The Blue Team system then allows for supervisors to review incidents from the first-line supervisor to the OPS, which is a transition to a paperless system. It will also give the OPS the ability to extract more specific data and statistics within the program while still maintaining alerts to potential problems with specific officers as previously described within the old program.

All citizens are afforded the opportunity to file a personnel complaint seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day. Citizens wishing to submit a formal complaint against an officer can start the process by contacting the Office of Professional Standards and obtaining a departmental complaint form. The normal business hours for the OPS are 8:00a – 3:00p, Monday through Friday. Outside normal business hours, the complainant may contact an on-duty supervisor in the Patrol Division. The form is also available on the department's website. When a complaint form is submitted, the complainant will be contacted over the phone by the OPS for an interview which may or may not be in person. Upon completion of the complainant's interview, the investigation of the complaint will commence and should be completed and submitted to the Chief of Police within ninety (90) days of receipt of the complaint form. The investigation may include, but is not limited to, interviews with witnesses and officers, reviews of reports, analysis of officer's body worn camera recordings and any other evidence that may be relevant to the investigation of the complaint. Once received, the Chief of Police may accept or modify the classification(s) and recommendation(s) regarding rules and/or policy violations contained in the report. Within 30 days of the final review by the Chief of Police, written notice of the findings shall be sent to the complaining party.

Additional information about the Office of Professional Standards is available at www.cantonohio.gov on our Office of Professional Standards web page. There you can research how we operate, download a personnel complaint form, or send a confidential email



2021 OHIO COLLABORATIVE CERTIFICATION

The Canton Police Department began our certification processes with the Ohio Collaborative Community- Police Advisory Board in 2016 first receiving Group 1 certification in Use of Force and Recruitment and Hiring. In 2018 we received certification in Group 2, Community Engagement, Body Worn Cameras and Telecommunicator Training.

Under the direction of Chief Angelo, we started the process of becoming fully certified with the Ohio Collaborative. We received our Group 3 certification in Bias Free Policing and Investigation of Employee Misconduct in September of 2020 and our Group 4 certification for Vehicular Pursuits in January of 2021. In 2022 we will begin working on Group 5 certification on Agency Wellness and LE Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations.

Due to our working relationship with the Ohio Collaborative we were able to quickly certify in the Presidents Executive order (EO 13929) on Safe Policing for Safe Communities receiving our compliance certificate on November 17th 2020. In addition to the Presidents order the Canton Police Department's Use of Force Policy is in compliance with Campaign Zero's "8 Can't Wait" project.

Each year, we must re-certify to show that we are adhering to the Community Standards. Part of this recertification is providing to the public through our annual report some of the many reviews we do to stay in compliance. Information about how to file complaints against officers, the investigative process, and what a citizen can expect during a review, is found in the section of this report dedicated to the Office of Professional Standards. The Recruitment and Hiring section of this report explains our review of the hiring process each year to ensure the most qualified candidates are hired. Also included are the demographics of new hires and a comparison of sworn personnel demographics to those of our service area. In this annual report you will also find information related to our agency's Bias-free Policing policy, related data collected and a summary of citizens concerns.

Achieving and remaining certified is a high priority for our department. As with any good police department, it is our duty to maintain the highest standards for our officers and for the safety of our community.



**Ohio Collaborative
Community-Police Advisory Board**

Bias-free Policing

The Canton Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services to the community with due regard for the diversity of those we serve. It is the policy of this department to provide law enforcement services and to enforce the law equally, fairly, objectively and without discrimination toward any individual or group.

In 2020, we received certification in Bias Free Policing from the Ohio Collaborative on Community-Police Advisory Board. This is an annual recertification process and involves the independent review of training records, corrective measures taken, and demographic data collected from traffic stops.

Traffic Contacts

Officers are required to document the race, gender and age of all drivers stopped in the course of duty. In 2021, the Canton Police Department issued 3,652 combined warnings and citations to drivers during traffic-related stops and contacts. In some incidents, data was not fully collected due to various reasons including officer error, technological error, and a lack of cooperation. Below is a description of documented traffic contacts by demographic.

Age The operator's age was correctly recorded in 3,341 contacts. The age range most commonly contacted was 24 – 33 (955/28.5%). Operators under 33 years of age accounted for more than half of all citations and warnings (1,765).

Race Race was correctly recorded in 3,535 interactions with 119 (3%) citations or warnings marked as "unknown." Operators identified as White accounted for 61% of citations and warnings. Operators identified as Black accounted for almost 34%. Asian, Hispanic and Unknown made up the remaining 5%. Operators identified as Black were more frequently issued written warnings instead of citations compared to White operators (24% compared to 17%).

Gender Operators were identified as Male in 61% of citations and warnings. Females made up the other 39%. Male and Female operators were given written warnings at a similar rate compared to citations (about 20%). Operators identified as Black and White were contacted at a similar rate in relation to gender. In both demographics, Males accounted for 61% of documented stops.

Personnel Complaints

Our department received five (5) official complaints from citizens against officers in 2021. None of those complaints alleged racial, gender, or age bias.

Planning and Research

In 2021, the Planning and Research Bureau was staffed by one Lieutenant, three Patrol Officers and one Civilian Employee. Lieutenant R.M. Nolte commanded the unit and officer D. Taylor acted as the TAC Officer and the OHLEG Administrator. Two patrol officers worked as property officers. Planning and Research also managed the record room which is staffed by four non-sworn employees. Planning and Research responsibilities include:

- Assessing the department's capital improvement needs, such as building renovations, office equipment and furnishings, computers, software and communications.
- Assisting the Administrative Lieutenant with the preparation of budgetary priorities and researching grants to acquire equipment, sustain staffing needs and promote projects.
- Grant management and writing is the primary function of the civilian employee, Linda Steiner. It involves seeking out available state and federal grant sources, preparing successful proposals, and obtaining grant awards for the police department. Once the grants are awarded, they must be continually monitored, reported on and financially managed. In 2021, the department used grants for:
 - Hiring new officers (or preventing layoffs)
 - Officer training
 - Purchasing equipment
 - Upgrading technology
 - COVID supplies
 - Increasing patrol hours in focus areas through overtime reimbursement
 - Increasing traffic enforcement

2021 Active Grants

- **Local Solicitation Byrne Grants:** These grants are awarded to Ohio counties based on criminal statistics. In Stark County, these grants are most often shared by the Stark County Sheriff's Office and the Canton Police Department. In the past, however, Alliance has been awarded portions of the grant. The Sheriff's Office and Canton alternate years of management for this grant and usually receive equal funding. Each grant is active for four years.
 - **2019 Local Solicitation Byrne Grant:** Administered by Canton Police Department with equal shares of \$37,826.50 for each department. This grant was designated for Cloud Storage needed for our Body Worn Camera Program.
 - **2020 Local Solicitation Byrne Grant:** Administered by Stark County Sheriff's Office with equal shares of \$34,676.50. This grant has been designated for a new Interview Room System with Covert Camera and needed equipment for our front desk area

- **2021 Local Solicitation Byrne Grant:** Administered by Canton Police Department with equal shares of \$51,314.00 for each department. This grant was designated for SPIDR Tech which will enable customized text and email message to victims of crime and reporting parties.
- **2020 Local Solicitation CESF Program:** Funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This two-year award for \$243,751.00 is being used for COVID supplies, (2) new hires/OPOTA training and additional Cloud Storage.
- **2019 Body Worn Camera Program:** Funding through Bureau of Justice Assistance. This three-year award for \$117,512.00 (includes match) is being used to expand our current body-worn camera (BWC) Program.
- **State of Ohio Department of Public Safety – Traffic Enforcement Program (TEP):** TEP is made up of two programs: Impaired Driving Enforcement and Selective Traffic Enforcement. Canton uses both of these grants to reimburse the general fund for overtime spent on traffic enforcement
- **Impaired Driving Enforcement (IDEP):** In 2021, we were awarded \$28,708.29 to increase our attention on traffic stops focused on detecting impaired drivers.
- **Selective Traffic Enforcement (STEP):** In 2021, we were awarded \$20,638.86 for overtime spent increasing our presence on Canton roadways.
- **Stark County Multi-Jurisdictional OVI Task Force:** Administered by the Stark County Sheriff's Office, this is an overtime reimbursement grant designed to reduce alcohol related traffic crashes and violations. In 2021, Canton received up to \$13,200.00.
- **The COPS Hiring Program:** The Canton Police Department has received funding through the COPS office for several years in order to hire and maintain officers. This grant program pays a portion of officers' salaries and benefits for three years with a maximum of \$125,000.00 per officer. COPS grants active in 2021 include the 2017, 2020 and 2021 awards. The value of these three awards is \$4,030,007.00 (includes match) and covers a portion of (21) officers' salaries and benefits.
- **The Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program:** This 2020 grant program pays approximately 75% of the cost for (22) officers vests for a total of \$14,571.75.
- **The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grants:** This 2020 grant program pays approximately 50% of the cost for (20) officers vests for a total of \$8,720.00.
- **The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grants:** This 2021 grant program pays approximately 50% of the cost for (80) officers vests for a total of \$34,880.00.

- **Project Safe Neighborhood:** The Canton Police Department has received three awards (2018-2020) in the amounts of \$31,000.00, \$16,800.00 and \$22,800.00 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. This funding is being used for surveillance cameras, LPR's and a secondary router which allows our department the ability to monitor focus areas

2021 Projects

1. Property and Evidence Officers C. Floyd and W. Guthrie worked in concert with the Canton Law Department and researched the court dockets and police records for several items stored in the property section which were either no longer required as evidence or abandoned. After the items were cleared by the court, Officers Floyd and Guthrie disposed of the items according to the Court's instructions.
2. Provided training for all officers on LEADS/NCIC, CJIS and OHLEG and ensured all officers maintained proper security training to access these systems.
3. Audits: Throughout the year, several of our grants and the LEADS system underwent routine audits. Preparation for this process was completed by the lieutenant and the ATAC.
 - a. Worked with the Auditor's office, the City Financial Director, the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Department of Justice to prepare for audits of the 2017-2018 Traffic Enforcement Grant and the 2012 through the 2015 COPS Grants.
 - b. Prepared for audits of the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).
4. Managed and monitored the Police Department's gas cards and usage.



COPS
Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice



BJA

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice
Assistance Grant Program

Community Involvement Unit

The Canton Police Department is dedicated to effective community service, understanding that strong relationships with the residents, visitors, and businesses of Canton are essential to reducing crime. We continuously seek new, innovative ways to strengthen those relationships and to improve our operations. We hope to build public confidence in our agency with every initiative. It is with this spirit that we continue to develop and improve our Community Involvement Unit.

Unit Organization

We have worked for years to positively affect the operation of the department, and the creation of the Priorities Bureau in 2015 was an alignment of our structure with our goals. Until 2018, the Priorities Bureau consisted of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Community Involvement Unit (CIU). In 2018, the units were separated and placed under the command of individual lieutenants. In 2021, CIU was under the command of Lieutenant Nolte who reported to Captain Broucker, the Administrative Division Commanders. CIU operated with one Sergeant, one Neighborhood Involvement Officer, one Domestic Violence Officer, one Community Engagement Officer, two Walking Beat officers, two Bicycle Officers, one Technology Officer, two School Resource Officers, two Crime Analyst Officers, a civilian Crime Analyst and one officer that serves as a Mental Health Liaison.

Neighborhood Involvement

The officer assigned to Neighborhood Involvement works to handle neighborhood disputes, business concerns, council complaints, Tip 411 complaints, and general quality of life issues for the citizens of Canton. He has developed several relationships, many positive contacts and created databases of problem locations and offenders. The Officer generally plans operations to change the environment of the neighborhood including cleaning up trash, painting over graffiti and replacing street light bulbs. They generally hold community events and block parties and support local businesses with their outreach efforts. They meet with leaders of the Latino community and encourage them to communicate their concerns to the police. They research what other cities have done in similar neighborhoods and put those ideas to use. Due to COVID-19, which essentially shut down any of these types of events, the Neighborhood Involvement Unit Officer in 2021 has been assisting with reoccurring shift issues, neighborhood disputes, and assisting the Domestic Violence and Mental Health Officers.

The Neighborhood Involvement Officers also conduct criminal interdiction, but they are very strategic and they do not use a “zero tolerance” approach. They make every effort to enforce laws without alienating the entire neighborhood, focusing on reducing criminal activity through means other than arrest.

Domestic Violence Officer

As with any community-forward initiative, our main purpose is to improve our position as a community partner. The Domestic Violence Initiative is designed to improve our response to Domestic Violence incidents, reduce fear among victims, increase opportunities for the rehabilitation of both victims and offenders, provide better cases for prosecution, and increase awareness about the scope of the problem. During year one and two of this program we suspected that we may not see a decrease in Domestic Violence. In fact we thought it was possible to see an increase in reported Domestic Violence. Our reasoning and hope was that victims would feel more comfortable and have more faith in the police department and become more likely to report an incident. Through training we also believed our officers would become more effective in identifying Domestic Violence.

Community Engagement Officer

Although all officers assigned to the Priorities Bureau are expected to work directly with the public to find solutions to common problems, the bureau also had one Community Engagement Officer in 2020 who worked city-wide as a liaison to neighborhood groups, the Mayor's office, Chamber of Commerce, city council members and countless city organizations and community leaders. The Community Engagement Officer gave presentations at schools, businesses and group meetings at the discretion of the Bureau Commander and handled specific neighborhood problems as needed.

Park Officer

CIU was responsible for one park officer who worked at the direction of the Park Director. This officer was responsible for patrolling all city parks as well as handling any special events that would take place in the park system.

School Resource Officers

There are two school resource officers assigned to CIU. One of the officers is assigned to McKinley's Main Campus while the other is assigned to McKinley's Downtown Campus. These officers handle any issues that arise in the school system. In addition to handling issues within the schools these officers gather intelligence and forward it to the appropriate bureau within the police department. These officers will also assist with the middle schools and elementary schools on an as needed basis. Our Community Engagement Officer also assists in this capacity and spends several hours a week in the elementary schools trying to build a relationship between the children and the police department.

Technology Officer

The Technology Officer addressed computer related issues, software issues/updates, social media, Body Worn Cameras, and programming portable radios amongst other daily duties.

Crime Analyst /Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)

The Crime Analyst/RTCC compile data at the discretion of the Bureau Commander that is used to focus on trouble areas, repeat call locations, and general crime statistics. The data is used in court hearings to combat unresponsive landlords, focus patrol areas and directed patrol. The information is also used for the bureau dashboards. The crime statistics are often requested by our local neighborhood associations, the Mayor's office, local media, and other bureaus within the Canton Police Department.

The RTCC has seen major growth in 2021 with personnel, hardware, and software. Other improvements include an increase of information gathering/sharing capabilities and evolved designs. Staffing for the RTCC has increased from a single patrolman to two patrolmen and a fulltime civilian Crime Analyst, which allows the RTCC to cover all 3 shifts of service. To compensate for the growth, the RTCC also added two additional workstations that includes a high-speed processing computer with 6 monitors each, and an advanced mouse that can be programmed to optimize software usage. Over 50 additional cameras and 5 LPRs were also added in 2021 that the RTCC has access to through Genetec.

In 2021, the RTCC was able to evolve their information gathering platform using Python programming to collect data from surrounding agencies and disburse relevant information to other agencies as needed. This collection allows the RTCC to compile similar cases across multiple jurisdictions and connect cases for prosecution. Access was granted to additional databases allowing the RTCC to assist the Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) in identifying suspected gang activity across multiple jurisdictions. The Stark County Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) gave the RTCC access to data through their API (this allows two applications to "speak" to one another) which helps the RTCC streamline "Do Not Buy" list updates for unauthorized scrap sales, maintain case links, and create investigative packets for the DB per request.

Projected growth plan for 2022

The RTCC projected growth plan for 2022 involves streamlining data connections, finalizing the regional bulletin design, additional software, and initiating the first phase of a centralized information hub. The RTCC currently uses a custom written program to gather information from the CAD web viewer and not directly to the database. This year will consist of working on connecting to the database directly with the help of the Stark County Sheriff's Office, since the office oversees New World for Stark County's CAD. There is also a plan in the works for Stark County to share data connections with Akron's Police Department since the same software is being used. This overall connection will alleviate the need for the work around program of data gathering and will allow a quicker and more efficient search to occur for both Akron and Stark County data. The RTCC is looking to add cameras in at least twenty-two (22) more locations, as well as additional License Plate Readers (LPR) throughout all wards of the city. The department is also testing a new shot detection node that we hope to expand once the testing is complete.



Recruitment Team

At the direction of Chief Angelo, in 2019 a recruitment team was created in the Community Involvement Unit. The team was created to promote the Canton Police Department and increase the number of potential candidates that take our test for employment. In addition to raising awareness and boost our numbers the team also recruited more qualified candidates. The team attended was not able to attend job fairs and visit police academies as in the previous year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Despite these obstacles, the team, led by Sgt. Riley, continued in 2021 to make strides in overall recruitment but specifically focused on minority recruitment. The team controls the department's social media accounts to reach perspective candidates as well.



Mental Health Officer

A number of our calls for service and interactions with the public are related to mental health. Officer Todd Gillilan is our Mental Health Officer. His primary role is to address mental health situations that result in repeat calls for service or a have a significant impact on our resources. This position was created as a way to follow up with individuals and families in order to find solutions beyond what we are generally able to find in our regular patrol duties.

For the first full year of stats, 2021, we had 921 mental health cases, with 842 filed in the mental health case file. Of those active cases, officers completed roughly 2,100 mental health supplements to those cases. This does not include the co-occurrence of criminal and mental health reports combined, just strictly mental health incidents. With the evolution of the collection of data in regard to mental health incidents, hopefully in time, we can limit the hours that officers exhaust on these particular calls by providing the community the proper resources to assist them in handling their mental health crisis.

Unit Summary

The Community Involvement Unit was involved in multiple community activities in 2021:

- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Senior Citizen Expositions
- School Career Days
- National Night Out
- Centennial Plaza Events
- Hip Hop Against Violence
- Promotion of Camera Registration/Take Me Home Program
- Crime Prevention Meetings
- Neighborhood Issues/Complaints
- Trunk or Treat Events
- First Friday's
- Light up Downtown/Parks

This list just touches the surface of the involvement that CIU had with the community in 2021. CIU worked with ICAN Housing, the Domestic Violence Project Initiative, and several other community partners to assist the residents and visitors of our city. CIU was also involved with CIRV and partnered with StarkMHAR in enhancing our mental health program.

2021 Domestic Violence Reports

One of the most challenging initiatives in the unit is the Domestic Violence Initiative. Officer Monter was our Domestic Violence Officer, tasked with following up on all Domestic Violence cases, filing warrants and creating BOLOs, maintaining contact with victims and coordinating with the prosecutor's office to improve cases. In 2021, officers completed 1,159 reports for domestic violence, which was a modest increase compared to the previous year as well as the five-year average (2017—2021).

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Yr Avg
1,143	1,128	1,161	1,118	1,159	1,142

Of the 1,159 Domestic Violence reports completed, arrest complaints or requests for warrants were filed on 695 adults and 91 juveniles during the year. The Domestic Violence Officer either filed warrants or facilitated the filing of warrants in 256 cases, some of them with multiple charges. 178 of those warrants were served throughout the year and 78 warrant remain unserved at the end of the year.

2022

In 2022, the CIU will continue the mission of Community Policing/Problem Oriented Policing. The bureau will focus on continuous recruitment and will become more involved in promoting positive aspects of the police department on social media. The Mental Health officer will continue to partner with our local hospitals, StarkMHAR, Sunrise Vista, ICAN, and all other mental health agencies with our county.



TRAINING BUREAU

The Canton Police Department Training Bureau is located at, 1430 Cherry Ave., S.E. Canton, Ohio. In 2021 the Training Bureau was part of the Administrative Division of the Police Department. Lt. Les Marino was the Training Bureau Commander under Captain Lisa Broucker, the Administrative Division Commander.

The objectives of the Training Bureau are:

- (a) Enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public.
- (b) Increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of department personnel.
- (c) Provide for continued professional development of department personnel.
- (d) Assist in compliance with statutory requirements.

The Training Bureau was comprised of (1) Lieutenant (Lt. L. Marino), (1) Sergeant (Sgt. S. Prince), and (1) K-9 Trainer (C. Heslop). Each member of the Training staff brings their own unique skills and abilities to complement each other in the fulfillment of training goals.

The Training Bureau Staff are responsible for preparing newly hired cadets for the basic police academy and the field training program. We are also responsible for planning and scheduling annual In-Service Training. In addition to the above listed staff, other instructors were utilized as needed by the department. These include Sgt. Craig Riley of the Community Involvement Unit, Sgt. D. Miller, Sgt. Shane Buie, Michael Braswell and Bryan Jeffries of the Patrol Division.

Other members of the department as well as outside resources are used to provide training to the department on an ongoing basis as needed or requested. This includes members of the Canton Law Department and the Stark County Prosecutors Office.

Each full-time member of the Training Bureau staff has various functions, responsibilities and skills that maximize the bureau's ability to maintain and administer continuous mandated and progressive training of police officers while minimizing costs. Training is provided within the confines of funding, requirements of a given assignment, staffing levels and legal mandates. Whenever reasonably possible, the Department uses courses approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) or training that is recognized by other regulatory or nationally recognized entities. The bureau will also customize training when necessary, based on the needs of the department or the needs of individual officers. The facilities of the Training Bureau include the Training Academy, shooting ranges. Other training sites are sought out and used as necessary.

Some of the assignments of the Training Bureau for 2021:

- * K-9 Training
- * Firearms Training, Qualifications, Maintenance
- * Annual Patrol Rifle certification and qualification for all members of the Patrol Division
- * Records maintenance of all equipment received through the Federal 1033 Program
- * Bi-Annual Physical Agility Testing
- * Open Shooting for police personnel

- * Annual In-Service Training for all CPD officers
- * Less Lethal Weapon & Defensive Tactics Instruction
- * Coordination of all training activities for all officers of the department
- * Community Service – Canton Fire Dept. – Arson Bureau Firearms Training
- * Community Service – Canton Municipal Court Security – Firearms Training
- * Community Service – Retiree Firearms Certification (LEOSA)
- * NARCAN Training, implementation and management
- * Supervision of persons involved as department Interns
- * Assist Canton Civil Service with police testing and hiring

Cadets

Ten cadets were hired in 2021, two of which resigned. Two cadets attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic Police Academy and two graduated in January 2022 from the Akron University Basic Police Academy. The remaining cadets hired in 2021 began field training as soon as they received their body armor and uniforms and completed departmental training.

OPOTC 2021 Mandated Training

There was no mandated training by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) in 2021. Though no training was mandated by OPOTC, the Canton Police Department continued with a (40-hour) in-service training schedule.

2021 In-Service Training Topics:

Implicit Bias, Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy: (January & February)

Officers received Implicit Bias training which was taught by Canton Police Chaplain, Rev. G. Lancaster. Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy Training as instructed by Lt. Marino and Sgt. Swank.

First Aid/Self Aid & Naloxone : (March & April)

In cooperation with Canton Mercy Medical Center/Cleveland Clinic, SWAT Medic/Trauma Nurse Andrew Bolgiano instructed our departmental First Aid & Naloxone Training. Each officer received certification cards through the American Heart Association for their successful completion. Medic Bolgiano also provided instruction in combat casualty care which includes; tourniquet and chest seal application as well as wound packing.

Patrol Rifle, Shotgun and Less-Lethal Shotgun Training: (May & June)

The Training Bureau conducted patrol rifle, shotgun and less-lethal shotgun training throughout May and June 2021. Officers were instructed in Canton Police Policy #300 Use of Force as well as the proper deployment of the less-lethal shotgun. Officers also qualified with their personal or department issued patrol rifles and shotguns.

Defensive Tactics and Legal Updates: (July & August)

Sgt. Buie and Ptl. B. Jeffries instructed officers in Mechanical Applied Control Holds (M.A.C.H.) and the collapsible baton. The Canton City Law Department Staff instructed officers in legal updates relevant to our duties.

Taser & Firearms Qualification: (September & October)

The Training Bureau Staff conducted training on Canton Police Department Policy #300 Use of Force as well as Taser training and recertification. Duty pistol training and requalification was conducted at the indoor shooting range. Officers received instruction on low light shooting, shoot/don't shoot targets as well as flashlight shooting techniques. Officers also received instruction on improving marksmanship.

Blue Team Use of Force Software & Dimensions Time Keeping Software: (Nov. & Dec.)

The Canton Police Department purchased new software to report and track use of force incidents and time keeping. All officers received training on this software during November and December in service training.

2021 Police One Academy Online Training:

The Canton Police Department purchased 170 licenses for PoliceOne Academy and will be utilizing the web-based training software to track training attendance and issue assignments from the multitude of available training courses. The software also allows our department to produce training programs and upload them into the system for dissemination to our officers. Police One Academy Training began in December of 2020. Officers have been assigned several courses ranging from officer safety and use of force to search and seizure and field interviews.

Physical Fitness Testing:

The Training Bureau conducted the bi-annual, voluntary Physical Fitness testing as provided to the officers for the encouragement of officers to maintain physical fitness. The testing was conducted in the months of May and October and was held at Stadium Park. The testing consisted of a 1.5 mile run or a 3.0-mile walk, sit-ups and pushups with standards based on age and gender. In order to comply with CDC and health department guidelines regarding social distancing and large gatherings, the testing was conducted during multiple time slots throughout the testing dates.

Project D.A.W.N.: (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone)

The Canton Police Department has partnered with Project DAWN in an effort to issue Naloxone to our first responders. Project DAWN replaces each Naloxone vial that was used by officers. This partnership has enabled our officers to save the lives of several people who have overdosed on opioids. In 2021, Canton Police Officers administered 62 vials/dosages of Naloxone in 30 separate overdose incidents.

2021 Training Bureau Staff:

The Training Bureau experienced some changes in personnel for 2021. The chain of command for the 2021 Training Bureau is listed below:

Chief of Police: Chief Jack Angelo

Administrative Division Commander: Captain Lisa Broucker,

Training Bureau Commander: Lieutenant Les Marino

Training Bureau Sergeant: Sergeant Steve Swank & Sergeant Scott Prince

K-9 Trainer: Patrolman Chris Heslop

Adjunct Instructors: Sgt. C. Riley, Sgt. D. Miller, Sgt. S. Meyer, Sgt. S. Buie, Ptl. M. Braswell, and Ptl. B. Jeffries

2021 In-Service Training:

OPOTC did not require any Continuous Professional Training hours in 2021. However, the Canton Police Department provided 40 hours of in-service training throughout 2021. The training board met in November and December to discuss training topics and schedules. Due to recent events, Chief Angelo and the training board believe it was essential to include instruction in; Implicit Bias, Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy during the 2021 in-service training.

2022 In-Service Schedule:

In-Service Training will be mandatory for all personnel. The training days will be spread throughout the year, similar to 2021.

- **January:** CPT required Courses - Mental Health & Officer Wellness
- **February:** CPT required Courses, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Community Engagement, Non CPT required- Legal Updates
- **March:** CPT required Courses- Deadly Force, L.E. Response to Mass Protests, Non CPT required Report Writing
- **October:** Firearms – All firearms training will be conducted at the outdoor range. Afternoon and midnight shift officers will report from 3p-11p to participate in low light firearms training
- **November:** CPT required Course - Use of Force/Defensive Tactics Scenario Training, Non CPT required – Taser Training

Police K-9 Unit

In 2021, the Canton Police Canine (K-9) Unit was under the supervision of Captains John Gabbard and Lisa Broucker, Lt. Les Marino, and Sgt. Scott Prince. The K-9 Trainer is Officer Chris Heslop.

K-9 Handlers are as follows:

Chris Heslop K-9 Zayne #58
Dave Samuels K-9 Bas #59
Trey Schilling K-9 Diesel #63
Bryan Jeffries K-9 Andy #65
Robert Huber K-9 Conan #66
Dave Jatich K-9 Gradje #67
Jordan Shank K-9 Kilo #64

On March 29, 2021, after a lengthy illness while under veterinarian care, K-9 Diesel was found to have inoperable cancer and passed away. K-9 Diesel had a great career with Canton PD with multiple K9 apprehensions, narcotic finds, and arrests. K-9 Diesel was the first K-9 assigned to the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force. He was instrumental in numerous arrests of violent fugitives during his service. Since K-9 Diesel's passing, K-9 Kenzo was purchased in May 2021 and began his training in Fall of 2021. Once training is completed, he will continue to work patrol division on 1st shift.

The Canton Police Department K-9 Unit has continued to be a proven asset to not only the Canton community, but also to other local law enforcement agencies. In 2021, the four new K-9's purchased in 2020 completed training and were assigned to the patrol division and the FBI Drug Task Force: K-9's Andy, Gradje, Conan & Kilo.

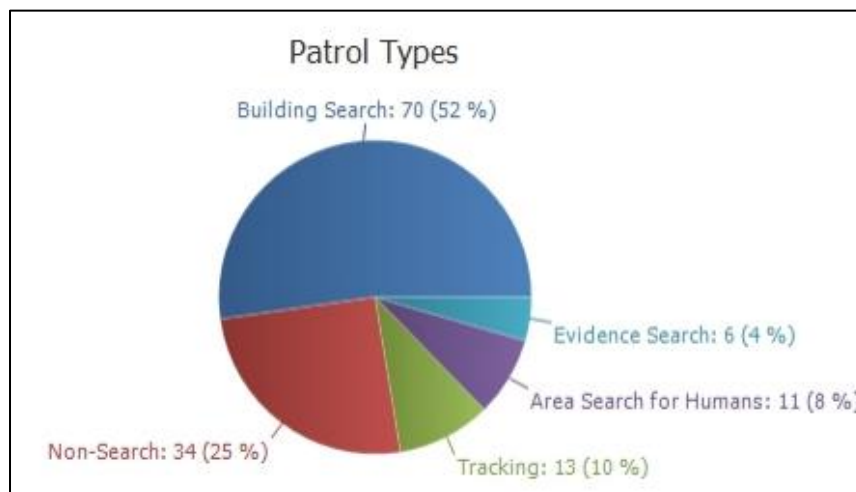
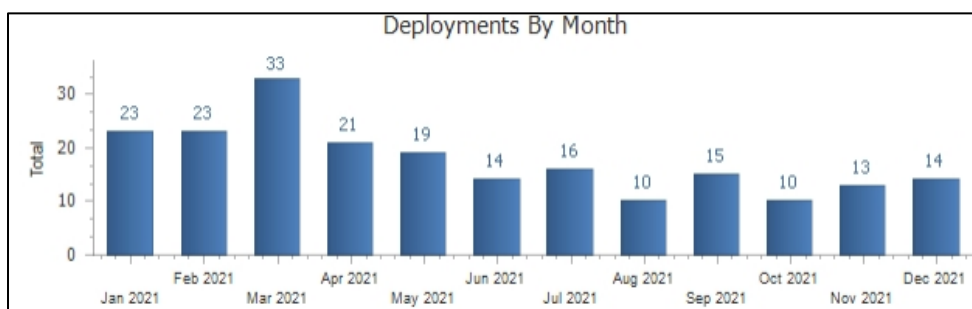
Four are trained as dual-purpose Narcotic Detection/Patrol, and two as Explosives Detection. Six dual-purpose K9s and one specially trained only for narcotics detection. Bringing our total number to seven (7) K-9 Officers. The six dual-purpose dogs are trained in general police functions such as tracking, building searches and suspect apprehension and serve special purposes; four are trained to detect narcotics and two are trained to detect explosives. Bomb detection K-9s have enhanced the department's efforts in Homeland Security to combat domestic terrorism. They are utilized for large events, marathons, Hall of Fame functions, and political gatherings as they have in the past as well as looking into the future. With Hall of Fame Village powered by Johnson Controls continued expansion and business development, the K-9s will ensure a safe environment for the community.

Each Police K-9 team is trained in the tactical application of the canine before being placed in an operational status. K-9 handlers can assist in formulating plans of action in the effective canine application, based upon the immediate circumstances of any given incident. Examples of situations in which K-9 teams may properly be used are building searches, tracking

of suspects, searches in large open areas, evidence searches, crowd control, lost persons, narcotic searches (if trained) and Bomb Detection (if trained). The six dual purpose dogs that work in the Patrol Division handle thousands of calls for service. The K-9 teams are assigned to all three patrol shifts as well as SWAT, and the FBI Drug Task Force. They were involved in apprehending dozens of violent criminals on the patrol shift as well as the specialized units in 2021. The four drug dogs that work the shift are often called upon for detection of illegal narcotics, and other functions by multiple agencies, including the Ohio State Highway Patrol, DEA, and FBI.

The dogs that are trained for explosives detection assist departments all over the state of Ohio in performing prevent explosive sweeps as well as assisting in locating firearms, ammunition and shell casings related to investigations. During Pro Football Hall of Fame festivities, the explosive dog teams work long hours pre-sweeping and conducting continuous inspections of venues, vehicles, packages, and anything determined to be suspicious. The seventh dog in the unit, K-9 Kilo, trained for the single purpose of narcotics detection, is assigned to the FBI Drug Task Force. They have already proven effective and are critical to the investigations that the Task Force conducts.

The following graphs identify the monthly deployment, seizures and patrol statistics for K-9's Andy, Conan & Gradje from 01/01/21 – 12/31/2021:



INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Captain David W. Davis I

The Investigative Division is commanded by Captain David W. Davis I, and is responsible for all investigations of a criminal nature above the basic patrol response. The primary component of the division is the Detective Bureau, which includes both adult and juvenile sections, a Crime Scene Unit and a Gang Investigation Unit. Also, within the Investigative Division is the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), which includes Vice Detectives as well as detectives assigned to the Stark Metro Narcotics Unit and Federal Task Forces of the F.B.I. and A.T.F. The Investigative Division is also home to the Canton Regional S.W.A.T. Team.

Officers assigned to the Investigative Division investigated thousands of cases in 2021. They followed up on countless tips, reached out to community groups and individuals, collected thousands of pieces of evidence and built relationships in the community and with other agencies. The Investigative Division would like to thank all the agencies and teams we continue to collaborate with including Stark County C.I.R.V. (Community Initiative to Reduce Violence), the Prolific Offender Group, the City Team, Ohio Children's Network, Local and State Parole and Probation Agencies, The Canton City Schools, Stark County Children's and Adult Protective Services, Stark & Carroll County Scrap Enforcement Cooperative, Stark County and Canton City Prosecutor Offices and the Stark County Crisis Center as well as many other agencies that assist us in serving the City of Canton.

Captain D. Davis #2 Investigative Division Commander

For more information on the Stark County Metropolitan Narcotics Unit go to: <https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/sheriff/resources/narcotics-unit>

For more information on The A.T.F. Task Force go to: www.atf.gov



Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is commanded by Lieutenant Mark Kandel. He is assisted by Sergeant Michael Talkington, Sergeant Stephen Meyer and Bonnie Humes, a non-sworn Administrative Assistant. The Criminal Investigation side is staffed by eleven Detectives with the rank of Patrol Officer.

The Bureau is responsible for conducting investigations of all felony crimes, and serious misdemeanors against adult victims. Crimes including, but not limited to: Homicide, Felonious Assault, Assault, Robbery, Burglary, Theft, Sex Crimes, Abductions, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Missing Persons. The Bureau operates a day shift, and an afternoon shift with detectives available for call-in at all times.

The Bureau has an additional three designated Juvenile crimes Investigators. One investigator specializes in sex offenses and abuse of juvenile victims. Two are tasked with investigating crimes against, or perpetrated by juveniles. The juvenile detectives work closely with the School Resource Officers assigned to the Canton City Schools, as well as the Bureau's Criminal Investigators, the FBI Crimes against Children Task Force and the Child Advocacy Multi Discipline Task Force. Assisting both the criminal investigators and the juvenile investigators are one gang investigator with the rank of Patrol Officer.

Crime Scene Unit

The Crime Scene Unit falls under the responsibility of the Detective Bureau supervisors. The unit has two crime scene technicians holding the rank of Patrol Officer. They are responsible for processing crime scenes by observing, collecting, and preserving various forms of evidence. This includes fingerprints and impressions made by human beings, animals, tools and weapons that may serve to identify a suspect, the tools, or means of perpetrating a crime. The Crime Scene Unit works closely with The Stark County Crime Lab, The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.



Crime Scene Unit Statistics

Offenses	Year End Totals
Abduction	2
Accident Assist	11
Assault	9
Felonious Assault	64
B&E	32
Burglary	54
Aggravated Burglary	6
Bank Robbery	2
Criminal Damaging	12
DOA	46
Domestic Violence	9
Homicide	22
Rape	13
Aggravated Robbery	10
Robbery	16
Auto Theft	25
Theft	25
Others	169
Total	517

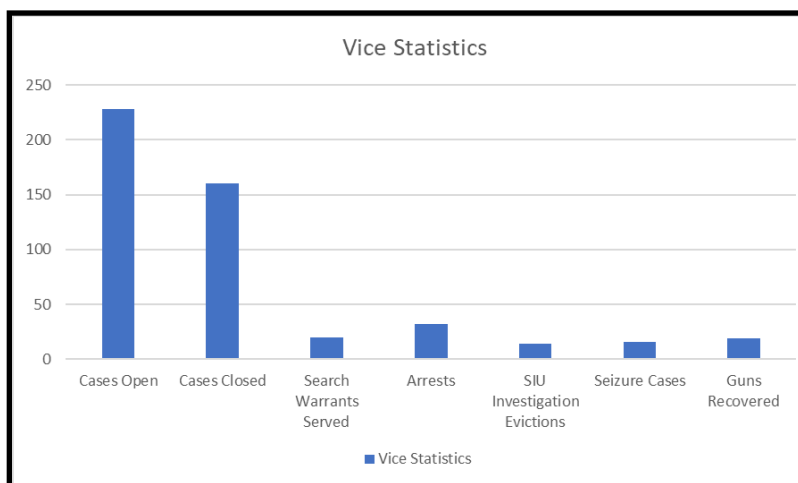
Action Taken	Amount
Photos taken	12693
Items Dusted in the field	319
Items Dusted at HQ	43
Fingerprint Lifts	213
Evidence Tagged	1892
Evidence to Lab	551
Total	15711

Special Investigation Unit/Vice Unit

The Canton Police Department Special Investigations Unit/Vice Unit is responsible for investigating criminal activity within the city. The majority of the investigation is illegal drug activity. SIU/Vice is responsible for investigations relating to prostitution, gambling, liquor violations and support to the Gang Unit.

SIU supports other bureaus within the department with acquisition and service of search warrants, locating and apprehension of suspects, and undercover surveillance operations. SIU supervisors are sometimes asked to handle sensitive investigations. There are three detectives that are permanently assigned to the ATF Task Force and FBI Safe Streets Task Force. Detectives from SIU support both during their case investigations.

2021 Statistical SIU/Vice Data



Stark Outreach Support Team

The Stark Outreach Support (SOS) initially started in 2017. A Detective from SIU, a nurse from the Crisis Center and a social worker from TASC contact overdose survivors from past weeks and offers services to help with their addictions.

This Quick Response Recovery Team contacted 58 people and of those 58 people; 31 people were linked with services. Of those 31 people, 10 people were not linked with service prior to contact. They also handed out 28 boxes of Narcan.

FBI Safe Streets Task Force

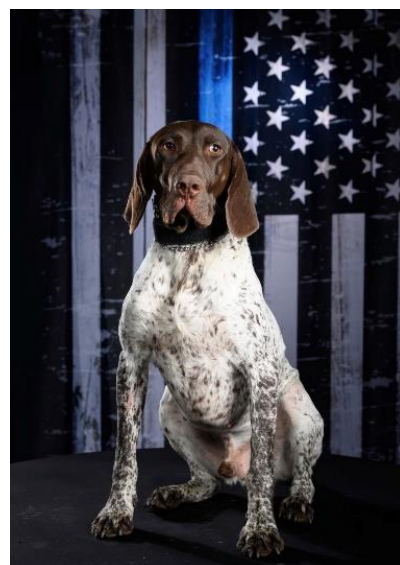
Three SIU detectives work with the FBI Safe Streets Task Force. This unit investigates high-level drug violations and organizational crime. One detective assigned to the FBI works with K-9 and the focus is primarily on parcel interdiction.

Overall, in 2021, the FBI Task Force was responsible for the following seizures:

Cocaine	13,223.42 grams
Crack Cocaine	32.77 grams
Heroin	121.40 grams
Crystal Meth	3974.48 grams
Fentanyl	712.92 grams
Marijuana	36,604.91 grams
THC Products	2002.18 grams
Marijuana Dab	4 Liters
RX	2.33 g
Guns	54
US Currency	\$159,935
Arrests	57
Pills (Mixed)	982

Det. Shank: K9 Kilo Seizure Stats:

Marijuana	33 lbs
Marijuana Dabs	28 lbs
THC Vapes	1,295 grams
Suboxone	60 strips
U.S Currency	\$29,000



Gang Unit

The Canton Police Gang Unit investigates gang-related crimes committed by members of criminal street gangs as defined by the state's definition and federal code. They also have the added responsibility of maintaining a working relationship with local schools, social services agencies, community-based organizations, and other criminal justice organizations in a systematic approach to the prevention, intervention, and suppression of criminal gang activity in the City of Canton.

ATF TASK FORCE

The Canton Police Department has one detective assigned to the ATF Task Force. Responsibilities of the ATF Task Force include the investigation and prevention of federal offenses involving the unlawful use, manufacture, and possession of firearms and explosives, acts of arson and bombings; and illegal trafficking of alcohol and tobacco products. The ATF also regulates, via licensing, the sale, possession, and transportation of firearms, ammunition, and explosives in interstate commerce.



FBI Child Exploitation Task Force

One officer from the Canton Police Department is assigned to the Child Exploitation Task Force. This officer conducts online Child Exploitation Investigations pertaining to the receipt, distribution, and production of child sex abuse material. The Officer assigned to this Task Force had a productive year in 2021 with the below listed statistics.

- 3 indictments
- 2 Convictions
- 10 Interviews
- 40 Computer examinations
- 11 Search warrants
- 2 Sentencing
- 2 Weapons Recovered
- 1 Account Takeover



VICE Drug Recoveries, 2021

Heroin	309.54 grams
Crack/Cocaine	554.76 grams
Marijuana	1978.67 grams
Fentanyl	69.84 grams
Meth	868.26 grams
THC Candy	10 grams
Lisdexamfetamine	0.19 grams
Lorazepam	0.05 grams
Buprenorphine	1.17 grams
Clonazepam	1086.49 grams
LSD	6.02 grams
Cyclobenzaprine	10.49 grams
Amphetamine	0.14 grams
Fluoxetine	0.54 grams
Oxycodone	0.53 grams
Sildenafil	1.26 grams
Buspirone	0.3 grams
Methadone	0.2 grams

2021 Canton Regional S.W.A.T. Team

The Canton Regional S.W.A.T. Team is comprised of police officers and medics from several different agencies from Stark and Carroll Counties. In 2021, we began the year with thirty-one police officers from eleven police agencies serving on the team. There are also five paramedics and a medical doctor serving on the team in various capacities.

In 2021, the team was led by Commander, Lt. Marino and Team Leaders, Sgt. S. Buie (Canton Police Department) and Captain J. Kampfer (Carroll County Sheriff's Office). The SWAT Team is under the Canton Police Department's Investigative Division which is commanded by Captain Dave Davis.

Organizational Structure:

In 2019, the Canton Regional S.W.A.T. Team was configured into two teams, Green and Gold. In 2020, each team was split into two squads; Green Team consists of Alpha and Bravo Squads, and Gold Team consists of Charlie and Delta Squads. Each squad has a designated Assistant Team Leader (Master Operator) who leads the element. This configuration allows for the team to operate more efficiently and with better accountability. In 2020, Green Team and Gold Team were scheduled to train on separate weeks each month in an effort to reduce manpower issues on Canton P.D. shifts and outside agencies with more than one officer on the team. These organizational changes proved to be very beneficial and minimized the amount of time officers were pulled from training to staff their respective shifts.

Operations:

In 2021, the SWAT Team was activated for the below listed assignments.

- 8 - Pre-planned High-Risk Search Warrant Services
- 17 - Emergency Full Team Response
- 0 - Public Demonstrations and Static Displays (due to Covid19)
- 1 - Partial Team Operations
- 0 - Active Shooter Response Lectures and Site Assessments (due to Covid19)
- 12 - Hall of Fame Events Covered

Personnel:

Throughout 2021, several senior operators resigned from the team for various reasons. Three of those operators were precision marksmen. SWAT tryouts were conducted on March 31, 2021 and the below listed operators were selected: North Canton P.D.; J. Tate and A. Knam. Jackson Township P.D.; C. Weber. Massillon P.D.; S. Kruger. The listed officers completed the 40-hour SWAT Basic Course on April 16, 2021. In addition to the Basic SWAT Course, the team also conducted a Precision Marksman Course from October 25-29, which was instructed by Sgt. D. Miller. Officers Patrick Lewis and Nicholas Hesse completed the course and successfully qualified as precision marksmen.

Training:

For the most part, monthly SWAT training was conducted on Thursdays and Fridays and the team's 40-hour annual training was conducted in October. Training consisted of marksmanship, tactics, emergency medical care, less lethal/chemical munitions, self-aid/buddy-aid and specialized skills training.

SWAT snipers receive an additional eight hours of training each month to ensure they are proficient with their weapon systems.

The team's annual training was conducted at venues throughout the City of Canton as well as Alliance Police Department's Shoot House. The team trained for a minimum of ten hours each day to take advantage of the optimal training venue. Training included close quarter battle tactics, room clearing, ballistic breaching, low light shooting, and hostage rescue tactics.

Seven team members attended Centrifuge Training's Limited Assets and Survivability Training Course (L.A.S.T.) This course of instruction focused on low light shooting, combat casualty care, vehicle CQB tactics and active shooter response.

In 2021, Sgt. Lee attended the Liberty Dynamic Distraction Device Course. Sgt. Lee successfully completed the instructor course and lobbied for the team to change over to this model of distraction device. The Liberty Dynamic Device is just as capable and is safer to deploy. The new devices have just arrived and Sgt. Lee is in the process of training all members of the team in the safe and efficient deployment of them.

2022 – Canton Regional SWAT Chain of Command

Chief of Police - Jack Angelo (Canton P.D.)

Division Commander - Capt. Dave Davis (Canton P.D.)

SWAT Commander - Lt. Les Marino (Canton P.D.)

Green Team Leader – Sgt. Shane Buie (Canton P.D.)

Alpha Squad Leader – Ptl. D. Jatich (Canton P.D.)

Bravo Squad Leader – Sgt. K. Wohlheter (Minerva P.D.)

Gold Team Leader – Capt. John Kampfner (Carroll County S.O.)

Charlie Squad Leader – Ptl. D. Dale (Perry Twp. P.D.)

Delta Squad Leader - Ptl. E. Lee (Canton P.D.)

The Canton Regional S.W.A.T. Team will continually strive to improve operational readiness for the multiple scenarios we are called upon to mitigate. We will do our best to obtain the most up to date training and tactics for our team, and equip them with the best equipment to accomplish their tasks.



UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division represents the most recognizable functions of the Canton Police Department. Nearly all uniformed assignments are found on the three patrol shifts. The Uniform Division also includes the traffic bureau and the jail.

The three patrol shifts are designed to provide police service every minute of every day throughout the year. Their primary function is to respond to calls for service. The shift schedules are developed to ensure that uniformed officers are available to respond in numbers that are consistent, safe and efficient. Officers are also assigned specific focus areas to patrol between calls and are tasked with impacting their areas of responsibility in a positive way by increasing public awareness of their presence through patrol, making periodic checks of problem locations, and reacting to observations of suspicious activity. Officers assigned to the patrol shifts are usually the first to contact individuals requesting police service and have more frequent contact with the public than officers in any other division. Nearly every investigation begins with a response from an officer assigned to a patrol shift. In order to be effective, they must be good problem solvers and great communicators. Patrol shift officers must be thorough but efficient in order to handle a large volume of calls. They must have a good understanding of policies and procedures, their responsibilities and their legal limitations.

Officers assigned to the traffic bureau investigate traffic crashes, follow up on hit-skip reports and conduct traffic and parking enforcement as a way to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians throughout the city. The traffic bureau supervisors continually look for opportunities to impact neighborhoods in positive ways through awareness, education and enforcement. The traffic bureau supervisors also help plan events that require the closure of streets such as marathons and concerts. The city impound lot, civilian parking enforcement employees and city parking decks were also managed by the traffic bureau in 2021.

The jail personnel are responsible for transporting prisoners to and from the Stark County Jail who need to appear in Municipal Court. Officers working in the jail are also required to escort the prisoners to court and monitor the prisoners in the city jail while they wait to be transported. Patrol shift personnel are often used to supplement the jail staff in order to provide a safe ratio of officers to prisoners.

The Uniform Division faced a number of unique challenges in 2021. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and personnel turnover combined to test our resources. As always, the response of the men and women in the Uniform Division to these challenges was exceptional and I am extremely proud as their commander.

Captain John Gabbard
Uniform Division Commander



Patrol Shifts

The three Patrol Shifts of the Uniform Division account for the most common personnel assignment on the department. Each shift is commanded by a lieutenant who reports to the Uniform Division Commander, Captain John Gabbard. In 2021, approximately half of patrol officers and supervisors on the Canton Police Department were assigned to the Patrol Shifts.

First Shift (Midnights, 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM)

Commanded by Lieutenant Travis Pellegrino

Four sergeants

Nineteen patrol officers

Second Shift (Days, 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

Commanded by Lieutenant Linda Brown

Four sergeants

Twenty patrol officers

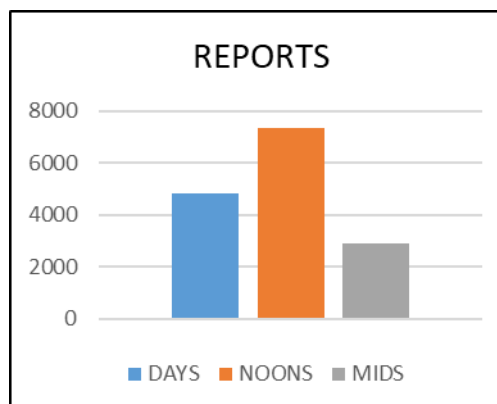
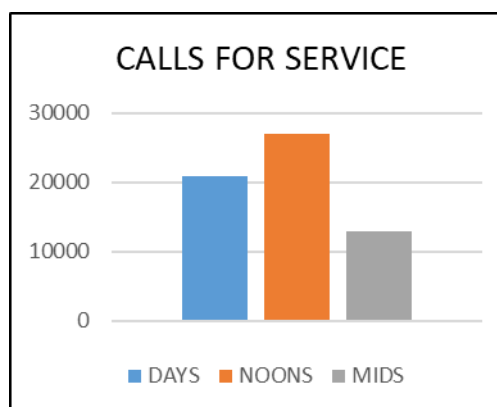
Three patrol officers assigned to the jail

Third Shift (Afternoons, 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM)

Commanded by Lieutenant Michael Gary

Four Sergeants

Twenty-four patrol officers



Calls for Service

The primary function of officers working on the Patrol Shifts is answering calls for service. In 2021, Shift Officers answered 60,977 calls for service. This count does not include self-initiated calls, follow ups, or administrative calls, only calls dispatched. Comparing this figure to similar calls in 2020, Canton's call volume increased 12% in 2021. Call types with the greatest increase in 2021 included parking complaints (115%/+2,199) and responding to individuals in Mental Health crisis (59%, +524). Officers completed 15,069 reports in 2021, a decrease of almost 10% compared to 2020 (-1,649). The great majority of all reports were for non-violent crimes or non-criminal incidents (76%). Afternoons was, by far, the busiest shift, handling nearly half (49%) of all reports and 44% of all calls for service.

Police Cadets

After they complete their formal certification training, new police cadets are trained at length on the Patrol Shift through the Field Training Officer (FTO) program. In 2021, eleven (11) cadets participated in the FTO program on the three Patrol Shifts.

Traffic Bureau

The Traffic Bureau is commanded by one lieutenant who supervises nine patrol officers, two civilian impound lot attendants, and one civilian neighborhood parking enforcement officer. In 2021, from January to April the Traffic Bureau was commanded by Lieutenant Mark Kandel. Lieutenant Steven Swank commanded the bureau from May through December. Officers and civilians assigned to the Traffic Bureau are responsible for regulation of traffic flow, traffic safety, parking and traffic enforcement, accident investigations and prevention, and the daily operation of the City Impound Lot.

The Traffic Bureau performs several functions, including enforcement of all state statutes and city ordinances pertaining to traffic movement (vehicular and pedestrian), parking of motor vehicles, and the investigation of traffic crashes, including detection of the causative factors of the crash. Lieutenant Swank also served as one of the department's extra duty and special event coordinators in 2021, planning for the supervision and control of traffic involving special events such as parades, street festivals, athletic functions, or any other function which may create a traffic problem. In 2021, there were 148 special events, including 21 block parties, 54 Centennial Plaza events, 5 concerts, 8 giveaways, 12 runs, 5 festivals, 15 City special events, 22 religious gatherings, 3 Hall of Fame/Civic Center Events, and the Hall of Fame Grand parade. Nearly all of the listed events required some type of road closures and police presence.

The Canton Metro Crash Team

The Traffic Bureau commander commands the Canton Metro Crash Team which consists of fourteen active members from various departments. The Canton Metro Crash Team was officially established in June of 2017, and in 2021, the team was comprised of four Canton Police Officers, four deputies from the Stark County Sheriff's Office, two North Canton Police officers and one officer each from Uniontown, Alliance, Massillon, Canal Fulton, and Lawrence Township.

Mission Statement:

The Canton Metro Crash Investigative Team shall provide member agencies with professional, scientific analysis, and reconstruction of serious injury vehicle crashes and fatalities. With public education and increased training member agencies will be able to ensure a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as an expert investigation.

Objectives:

Promote interagency cooperation as well as interoperability and resource sharing
Sharing specialized traffic crash investigation personnel
Thorough, timely and professional investigation of serious injury of fatal traffic crashes
Preserve and enhance the skill sets of participating officers through ongoing field experience and in-service training

In 2021, the Canton Metro Crash Team was called out 25 times to investigate serious injury or fatal crashes: fourteen for the Canton Police Department, six for the Stark County Sheriff's Office, two for the Massillon Police Department and one each for Canal Fulton, Alliance and North Canton. Members of the crash team train monthly on the use of the total station, diagraming, crush, vehicle inspections, vehicle downloads, and crash scene safety and investigation.

Of the fourteen Canton crashes investigated by the Metro Crash Team in 2021, eleven were fatal, with a total of eleven deaths.

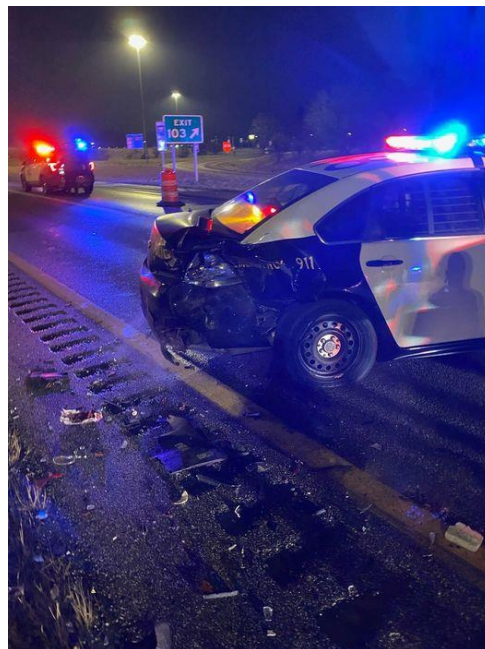
Canton Fatal Crash Statistics:

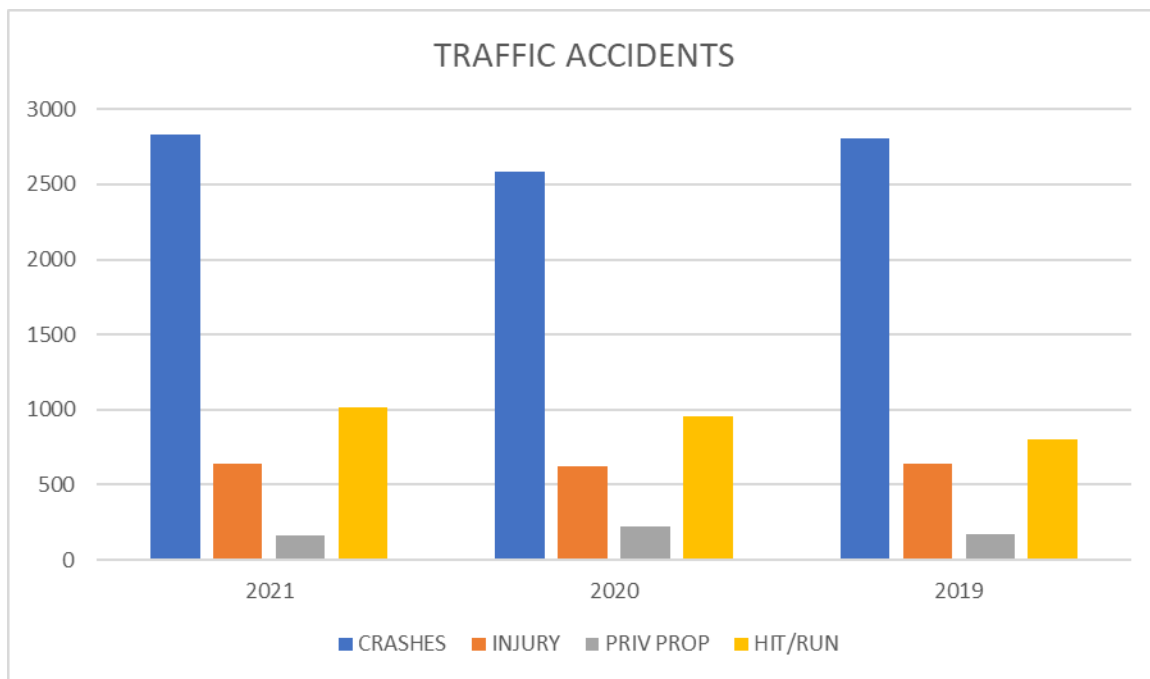
- Two were alcohol or drug related
- Two were pedestrian related
- Two were vehicle vs. pole
- Two were vehicle vs vehicle
- One was deemed to be due to medical issues
- One was vehicle vs bicycle
- Three were vehicle vs motorcycle

Traffic Bureau Statistics:

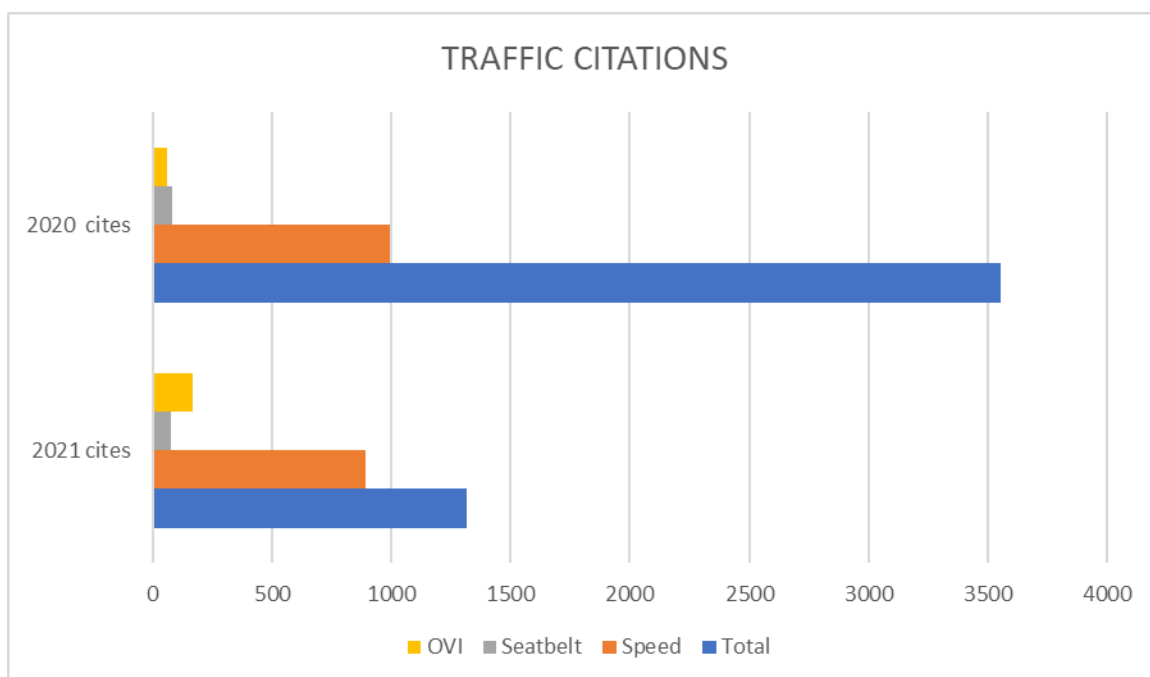
The Traffic Bureau completed 616 work orders in 2021 related to parking, junk motor vehicles, and other traffic issues. These work orders were generated through SeeClickFix, an application that allows for the submission of complaints and helps officers track the progress and resolution of those complaints. Compared to 2020, work orders increased 150% (+369) in 2021.

A total of 2,831 crashes were reported on Canton City streets in 2021, an increase of 247 compared to 2020 (2,584). Traffic crashes in 2021 in the City of Canton resulted in 638 personal injuries, an increase of 14 compared to 2020 (624). Private property crashes accounted for 163 of Canton's reports in 2021, a decrease of 61 compared to 2020 (224). The Traffic Bureau investigated 1,019 hit and run crashes in 2021 an increase of 62 compared to 2020 (957).





Officers throughout the department issued citations for a total of 1,315 violations in 2021, including 895 speeding citations and 78 seatbelt citations. Officers also made 167 OVI arrests in 2021. Officers working commercial vehicle enforcement cited 9 overweight, 33 commercial violations, inspected 3 vehicles for safety violations, and put 16 commercial vehicles out of service for various reasons.



Impound Lot:

The city impound lot reported 2,693 vehicles towed in 2021. Of those towed vehicles 1,367 were released to their owners, and 1,326 remained unclaimed on the lot. The impound lot sold 1,274 vehicles for a net income of \$676,644.56 in 2021. Other related impound fee income included storage (\$149,888.00) and processing fees (\$3,125.00).

YEAR	VEHICLES TOWED	VEHICLES SOLD	SOLD/MONTH	AMOUNT/VEHICLE	TOTAL SALES
2021	2,693	1,274	106	\$531.12	\$676,644.56
2020	2,120	750	63	\$337.83	\$255,103.00

Parking Enforcement:

The increase in calls from citizens complaining about parking issues was significant in 2021. Compared to 2020, there were 2,199 more complaints, an increase of 115%. In fact, the increase in complaints about parking represented the greatest increase in any call category department-wide in 2021 compared to the previous year. In 2021, the Neighborhood Parking Enforcement officer responded to parking complaints from work orders generated on SeeClickFix and from neighborhood patrolling. He issued a total of 3,756 parking citations with 445 warnings for 2021.

